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UD ALUMNI TO RECEIVE AWARDS OCTOBER 16

DAYTON, Ohio, October 8, 1982 -- October is the month for cooler weather, falling leaves, football, and at the University of Dayton -- award receiving.

The UD Alumni Association, through its National Board of Governors, promotes an Alumni Awards Program which honors alumni, faculty, and in some instances, friends of the University. This year awards will be given to eight UD alumni.

The winners of the Distinguished Service Awards are Bernard L. Whelan, a 1908 graduate of UD and Richard H. Finan, a 1954 graduate of UD.

Whelan was one of the "Early Birds" of aviation, those who soloed in the first 13 years of powered flight, and later served as president of the group of aviation pioneers bearing that name. He retired in 1958 as vice president of United Aircraft Corporation after a distinguished career in the aviation industry. Whelan is, as one who has known him writes, "a humble man whose life represents true Christian stewardship in the development of his God-given talents and opportunities. Whelan resides in Hanover, New Hampshire.

State senator Richard Finan has dedicated himself both to the people of the University of Dayton and to the citizens of the State of Ohio. After terms as councilman and mayor of Evendale, he served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1973 to 1978. He now chairs the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Committee of Agency Rule Review. A Cincinnati resident, Senator Finan is a partner in the firm

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of Finan, Lippert, and Dunlap, attorneys-at-law. Before his election to the UD Board of Trustees in 1978 he served as president of UD's National Alumni Association for three years.

Five Special Achievement Awards will be given by the University of Dayton this year. The winners are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments since graduating from UD. Recipients of these awards are Thomas J. Archdeacon, John D. Rossi, Craig E. Lyon, Frances Longo Franchina, and Diane K. Phillips.

Archdeacon, a 1972 graduate of UD, was named winner of the 1982 American Society of Newspaper Editors Distinguished Writing Award for sports. Archdeacon writes for the Miami News and also resides in Miami. He was originally from Ottoville, Ohio, near Lima.

Rossi, a 1958 UD graduate and athletic director of Bishop Fenwick High School in Middletown, Ohio, coached the school's basketball team to the 1982 Ohio Class "A" championship. Rossi's home is in Middletown.

Lyon, a 1973 graduate of UD, won the Chavin Memorial Award of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. The award is for an individual who, despite a handicapping condition, has attained great heights and serves as an inspiration. Born with no legs below mid-thigh, Lyon teaches physical education, directs intramurals, and helps coach wrestling at Beavercreek High School and resides in Dayton.

Franchina is a 1960 and a 1974 graduate of UD, homemaker, teacher, and educational counselor. Believing that people should develop their potential for creative thinking, she established the TYBO (Turn Your Brain On) Institute to help mothers learn creative problem-solving techniques. She has produced television spots called "Fran's Food for Thought" and is working on a program called TOTL (Turn On To Life). Franchina resides in Xenia.

Phillips, also a resident of Xenia, is active in many community organizations and chaired Channel 14/16's Auction Week from 1978 through 1981. Each year she handled the scheduling, supervision, and paperwork of up to 1,000 volunteers. Phillips was inducted into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame for her career in education and volunteer work. She is a 1964 graduate of UD.

A University of Dayton Special Service Award will be given to Al Reynolds. A 1960 graduate of UD, Reynolds is a mainstay among alumni volunteers. Now serving on the Alumni Association's Board of Governors, his annual work on UD's Homecoming has made him a familiar face to returning alumni.

The eight award winners will receive their awards at a special ceremony during Homecoming Weekend, October 15-17 and will be honored at the Homecoming Dinner, Saturday, October 16 at the Marriott Hotel.